Funds allocated for development of tourist destinations in Karnataka

3361. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals sent by the Karnataka Government for the development of tourist destinations in Karnataka during 2002-2003;

(b) the number of proposals out of the above which have been cleared; and

(c) the amount released during 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) During the 10th Five Year Plan, Department of Tourism, Government of India has decided to identify integrated travel circuits in the country each year. These circuits are finalised and developed in close coordination and partnership with the State/UT Governments and the concerned Govt, of India Departments. In addition to this it has also been decided to identify one major destination in each State/UT Administration, each year in consultation with them for overall development including the State of Karnataka.

On the basis of project proposals received for development of tourism in Karnataka under the above and other schemes, the following projects have been sanctioned during the year 2002-2003:

(Rupees in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Western circuit (Tagore Beach, Om Beach)	297.49	297.49
2.	Development of Hampi as a destination	500.00	282.27
3.	Rural tourism at Kokkare Bellur	50.00	15.00
4.	Beugle Rock Garden	40.00	12.00
5.	Bangalore Art Festival	15.00	12.00